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Dear Dr. Morrissey,

Your letter of the 24th was in today's mail but not the book order. We'll send the book surface mail, which takes about three weeks.

Your article in Lies of Our Times, of which I'd never heard, is interesting and provocative and what you suggest is a more rational explanation of Banker Herrhausen's killing than the official explanation, the red army faction. For your own thinking on one thing you said, that the "lone nut" theory "began with the Warren Report," it began with Hoover and the FBI. When you get Post Mortem I suggest that you first open to page 475 and read that transcript of that Commission executive session.

I've not read Barbara Honegger's October Rising. From what you say - should but you indicate it isn't available.

I also have not gotten Marrs' Crossfire, which you describe as a "good comprehensive summary." You do not say of what. I think it is a summary of all the nut theories. I was asked by his publisher to skim it. He sent me a xerox of the ms. with his request. I replied that I'd not give an opinion on a skimming of anything on the subject and did he want me to do more. I then decided, before hearing from him, to pick a section and read it. It was an atrocity. Marrs, for all his pretenses, knowing nothing at all about the subject. He has been wasting his time on all these nutty theories so often presented as fact. The publisher did not even return the cost I had of returning that stack of awful crap. He did not send a copy of the book, either. I can't exaggerate the subject-matter ignorance reflected in the pages I read. However, the book appears to have made enough to justify a pape back reprint.

I'm sorry I did not make clear what I said about the theory that is basic in the Livingstone/Groden book High Treason. I'll try a different way. They claim that the autopsy X-rays and photographs are fakes, were doctored by officialdom. The existing film disproves the official solution, as you'll see clearly I think in Post Mortem. So, the question I asked and ask is, why would the government go to all the trouble and potential great danger to fake film that destroys the mythology on which it had already fixed? The only apparent purpose of creating fakes is to substantiate the official mythology. So it makes no sense at all to allege that the existing film is faked. There is no purpose in such faking and there were hazards in creating fakes.

You refer to the "testimony" of the Dallas doctors. I think you were referring to what Livingstone said they told him, perhaps Lifton, too. But they were taken to the National Archives for the Nova TV show and they all came out and said that the film they had just examined coincided with what they recall from their observations of the JFK body at Parkland Hospital.

The average reader has no way of knowing it, by the way, but the entire Lifton theory is impossible and he had to know this when he wrote the book to presnt himself as the discoverer of sex and the inventor of the wheel.

You did not include the article from Covert Action Information Bulletin but I think I can guess what you had in mind - the article by the British TV reporters. Among other things they say that Jules Ricco Kimble was involved in the King assassination on behalf of the CIA for which he worked. And they have his word that he worked for it. Which they cribbed from Dr. Phil Melanson, who also took Kimble's unsupported word. Well, Kimble had said virtually the same thing about the JFK case and had gotten the uncritical Garrison interested. This got it in the papers and created a situation in which the CIA's top brass had to know the truth. I have some of those internal CIA papers and they are quite explicit, he'd never worked for the CIA. He did once make an approach to the Domestic

Contact Service of the CIA in New Orleans but they rebuffed him. The two British reporters who produced the show for BBC spent much time here and took more of my time when they were in Memphis and spinning their wheels there. ~~and~~ I know this from what they then checked with me. They hid from me the fact that they were going for Melanson's brew of pap and utter nonsense and checkednone of it with me. When I got word of what they were into, just before the TV show was aired, I sent them the CIA records I refer to. They did not even acknowledge this and they later wrote the disinformation you refer to if I guess correctly. It is 100% wrong and wrong-headed. I wrote the editors as soon as someone sent me a copy. This was some time ago. I've heard nothing since from them of the Britishers.

I'd not heard of the Liberty Lobby's book, The Mystery Unraveled, and I'd not known of Martin Price's Spotlight article until Gerry Ray, James Earl's brother, send me a copy. Price ~~He~~ invented some of the quotes. I'll tell you the story of the actuality.

Price phoned me and said he represented Willis Carto, not his publication Spotlight. He said that Carto was interested in being able to go over some of the great volume of records on the JFK assassination that I'd gotten by FOIA lawsuits. Although I have no use for Carto, who is an authentic fascist, I have followed the policy of giving anyone access to those records. I told Price this. I also told him that my time was not included, that he could see anything he wanted to see, and could make copies on our copiers, but that I do no give my time away to those I do not agree with. He said that if he took any of my time I'd be paid for it and I said there are or were other things I'd prefer to do with that time but I'd help him if he wanted help. So, he and his wife came. They took a room at the nearby Holiday Hotel. and they spent much of the three days they were here wasting my time. They also had unsupervised access to my FOIA files, which are in the basement. I do not recall that they asked for any copies of any records. And they had access to about a third of a million pages. I do recall that ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Price was a real hypochondriac and dispensed endless medical advice. He ached, he limped, he groaned, he said he found it impossible to get in a position that did not give him pain, etc, and at one point he said he like to get my help on understanding some things. This, understand, was for research he was doing for Carto. He never mentionedthat awful sheet Spotlight or that he was writing an article.

The one thing I recalled from the article is the complete fabrication on Page 95 of the book. You sent it and the next six pages. You asked me if I'd seen in print the paragraph quoting Price as having me blame international bankers, in the context of the artgile as I remember, it Jewish bankers and the Trilaterals, for the JFK assassination. I said no such think, believe no such thing, and when he got to the Trilaterals, who I knew were a pet Carto hate, I said I knew nothing about them and could say ntohing about them. What Price has done is take even his basic approach from my second book the Epilogue of which is titled "Cui Bono?" and to develop his own fascist line on that. He has included some things I did write and may well have explained to him, who could have seen benefit in killing Kennedy and who was in a position to set Oswald up.

Some of what he attributes to me in quotes on 96 is what I could have said and do believe but this is not true of some, what he can lay on the Carto bete noir, "Jewish bankers." I don't think I referred to "fabulous profits" from the Vietnam war, but I did say those who favored that war could be said to see benefit to themselves ~~from~~ over JFK's little-known decision to end our "advisors" involvement. Further down on this page I never, to him or to anyone else, said anything about "the Rockefellers and their Council on Foreign Relations" and never thoughtwhat he says, either.

He is even twisted on my credentials, bottom of this page and top of next. I did not go from OSS to the Senate. It was the other way around, with the investigative reporting to which he refers not coming first but in between the Senate and the OSS.

I got this far in reading that frightful junk when I was interrupted. It is now close to suppertime so unless you want more about this gross and intended dishonest -I think because as he said Carto paid well - I'll skip to what you marked on the last page. But if you want more ask it and I'll address it when I have more time. You ask, "more on this? Skull & Bones" about "Weinberg, ~~Wh~~ who (as a former OSS officer) was was more

~~Or less~~

or less in on the creation of the CIA, notes that the agency 'cont ins an inner circle which operates in its own manner - not responsible to anyone.' He blames the agency's numerous failures on long dependence on Ivy League leadership, which has, over the decades, continue to ''inbreed' instead of bringing in fresh blood."

I was not an OSS "officer." I was never a spook. I was an analyst, was so classified, and I did do some investigating, without having any such classification. I was no more "present at the creation" than anyone else who was alive then. I think the quote may be fairly accurate but not as he used it, as addressed to soomething else. And I did not and do not blame the failures on the Ivy League. You get good and bad or every kind, bright and dumb, etc. To begin with they did recruit heavily from Ivy League colleges and that did tend to eliminate those from other backgrounds, including blue-collar, but the failures were policy.

As of now I've not read the rest and wont unless you want o know more. I'll have to let reading and correcting this wait as it may not be mailed tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg